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## RETURN THANKS.

Mr and Mrs S. E. GREEN desire to re-

turn sincere thanks to their friends for the

many expressions of sympathy in their

recent sad bereavement.

MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, October 26.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at No. 7, China Road.

MONDAY, October 29.—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

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TUESDAY, October 30.—

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1906.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERN-

MENT.

The best form of government is a

merely academic question fit only

for a youth's debating club in those

halcyon days of irresponsibility when

we could still wax eloquent over the

wrongs of Mary Stuart or the ex-

ecution of Charles I. We see men

living equally happily under Tyranny

or under a republic. But there are

fashions in these things. At one time

Europe and Asia were all feudal, then

all absolutist, and now a wave of

democratic socialism is sweeping

round the globe. China, Persia and

Russia are specimens of empires in

which the very life is being raised

of government by the people, as in Ire-

land, Finland and Bengal there has

been stimulated a movement for some

measure of local self government. The

circumstances differ in the different

cases. Some are perilous, some are

trivial. But the basic principle is

the same in all. What should be a

healthy spirit of self conceit has in

many countries become an ignorant

impatience of control among those

whom a very slight education has

taught to consider themselves the

people. In Old Mortality Lady Margaret

belletrist put her unerring finger on

the alphabet. Russia is a far more terrible illustration of the same doctrine. Since the dissolution of the Duma in July there has been absolutely no single day without its outrage, massacre or assassination. The man who has discovered his essential equality with all others will no longer be played with. If he be not allowed the safety valve of an elected advisory council, he will allow evil advisers to persuade him to break out in worse directions. Thus to change the metaphor, what might have been but a skin disease, being repressed becomes a deep seated and fatal malady. In Egypt, Lord Cromer finds himself confronted by the same adversary. The native press stimulated that result, and which caused the Denshaw affair. Now it is stated that Mr. Wilfred Scawen Blunt is about to publish a book on "Atrocities of British Justice in Egypt." Mr. Blunt's opinions have been notoriously anti-British for nearly thirty years. It is more than twenty since he was a thoroughgoing partisan of Arabi Pasha and his work will assuredly promptly be translated into Arabic and spread broadcast to some more disaffection. There is no need to labour the point. It is clear that against all governments there is a reaction, and the promoters explain it to themselves by describing it as a desire for constitutional government. The rebels are by no means all fools, self-seekers or traitors. Some of them are enlightened patriots and sound thinkers. But these are misled by the majority into a misunderstanding of the word they use. The only way to make a government constitutional is by constituting it. An autocracy may be just as constitutional as a republic and will be so, as long as it remains discreetly and consistently administered. Every government needs an elected council of some kind, for the schoolmaster has been abroad, and the people have ideas which they are justified in bringing before the notice of their rulers. The Shah of Persia is wise enough to see this, and his prudent and timely concession will save the absolute power of the King of Kings for at least another generation. A policy of destruction or revolt can never make national institutions stable. It matters little the precise form that constitutional government takes, whether evolution leads to devolution, but men must be treated as thinking beings, and an attempt to stifle their voices is foredoomed to disaster. This would in many countries be too complete a change to put into practice at once. Some sections of the Russian public are, it may be, no more fitted for an uncensored press than the Arabs of the Delta. But they must be trained to use and not abuse the advantage. By example, precept and argument the work can be done. Open conference with the leaders of public opinion is always possible. If such measures be not adopted only anarchy or devastation can follow. Persecution has proved as often the lifeblood of heresies as of the Church.

When Mr. W. T. Stead is not lavishing his praises upon every country in the world, except the one which gives him full liberty to air his eccentric opinions, he takes a turn at tilting against some established British institutions. The reputation of the *Review of Reviews* as a comic periodical has been considerably enhanced since Mr. Stead abandoned his pursuit of occultism and began to exhibit his impressions of the theatre. Now he has been to a music-hall. The music-hall has never been considered a particularly intellectual centre but poor innocent Mr. Stead apparently went there expecting to see a problem play. If he were asked to sum up the whole performance in a single phrase he says he would call it "drivel for the dege." Of course the reason of Mr. Stead's sweeping condemnation of the music-hall is not far to seek. Indeed he betrays it himself in the early part of the unintentionally amusing article in which he describes his first visit to one of these places of amusement in the

West End. "For thirty years I have known and hated and feared the music-hall as the breeding-ground of that Jingism which is the most fatal malady which afflicts and imperils the Empire." That is the whole secret, though many would hold that the substitution of "patriotism" for "Jingism" would more accurately express Mr. Stead's real views. It is no wonder then that Mr. Stead, hating and fearing the music-hall as the forcing-ground of national sentiment, should have been overcome by boredom, indignation and amazement when he witnessed the performances. The Pharsanic sentiment "thank God I am not as others are" shines through each line. But the lesser creatures who are so abandoned as to find much of what Mr. Stead condemns mentally refreshing after close application to business have still ground for hope. Mr. Stead feels compassion for them, he remembers, difficult though he evidently finds it to realise such a thing, that they belong to the human family as he does himself. "These poor mimes, who kick up their heels on the stage, and snigger and laugh at dirty jokes, and the more degraded creatures in the stalls who applaud and murmur 'very good,' 'very clever,' as one piece of vulgar inanity succeeds another, are all immortal souls, little as they might care to be reminded of it." It is a fortunate thing that Mr. Stead has no sense of humour. He would not be nearly so amusing.

## LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The members of the Church Missionary Society thank all those who assisted at the Sale of Work. The amount taken was \$1250.

Undesirables. It appears that the rush of Indians to Canada has been temporarily checked. The class that are proceeding are not regarded as desirable and the Canadian Pacific company are now refusing to issue tickets to them. A number of Indians are to be daily seen about C. P. R. offices either endeavouring to secure passages or waiting to have money they have paid for tickets refunded.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition. The work of the committee in connection with the Arts and Crafts Exhibition is increasing on the date draws nearer. From the exhibits now coming forward the exhibition gives promise of being a magnificent one. It behoves the public to buy their tickets early. They are obtainable at the City Hall or can be bought for cash at the CHINA MAIL Office, 8 Queen's Road Central; a Season Ticket for \$1.

Kioto's Imperial Glories. According to the Japanese *Hochi*, the Imperial Court proposes to reconstruct the Kioto Palace on a larger scale. The ceremony of accession to the Throne of future Emperors of Japan will, it is said, be held at the ancient Capital, but the accommodation of the present Kioto Palace is not suitable for such grand ceremonies of State, especially in view of the assembly of Emperors from the Powers. The Minister for the Imperial Household and Baron Ito are now at Kioto, and their visit is reported to be connected with this plan. At least fifteen years will be required for the reconstruction.

Band at Kowloon Hotel. By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. C. H. W. Price and Officers, the band of the 129th Balaich will play the following programme, during dinner, at the Kowloon Hotel, this evening, at 8 o'clock, weather permitting:—  
March....."Op. 51".....Schubert  
Overture....."Yelva".....Reister  
Serenade....."La Paloma".....Radic  
Selection....."Offenbach".....Offenbach  
Fantasia....."Happy Days in Dixie".....Bidgood  
Selection....."Reminiscences of the Plantation".....Chambers  
Duet....."Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark".....Bishop  
GOD SAVE THE KING

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—  
On the 24th at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has fallen rapidly over W. Japan, and risen moderately over the Loochoos and Formosa.  
The typhoon is near Nagasaki. It continues to move slowly towards N.E.  
Pressure is highest over China to the North of the Yangtze.  
Fresh monsoon is indicated in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.  
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.  
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.  
Forecast District.  
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. winds, moderate; fine.  
2.—Formosa Channel: NE. winds, fresh.  
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoos: Same as No. 2.  
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

## FRENCH POLITICS.

## A NEW MINISTRY.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)  
LONDON, October 23.

M. Clemenceau has formed a new French cabinet.

The labour member, M. Caillaux, has accepted the portfolio of Minister of Finance.

[M. Clemenceau was Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet formed by M. Sarrien, which has just resigned.—Ed.]

## A BANKER'S FAILURE.

## SENSATIONAL SUICIDE.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)  
LONDON, October 23.

Mr. MacFadyen, a banker who has just suspended payment, committed suicide by throwing himself under a train close to Moorgate station. He was terribly mutilated.

## MOROCCO.

LONDON, October 22.  
The first foreign regiment at Sidde labhas has been ordered to be in readiness to proceed south.

General Lamy has rejoined his post at Ainsefra.

## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

LONDON, October 22.  
Count Goluchowski has resigned owing to differences with the Hungarian Cabinet.

LATER.  
The Emperor Francis Joseph has accepted Count Goluchowski's resignation.

## RUSSIA.

LONDON, October 22.  
In view of the coming election of the Duma, M. Stolypin has definitely declared that a Parliamentary Ministry is impossible in Russia where the Government must be outside all parties.

## HOME POLITICS.

No Hope for Socialists.  
LONDON Oct. 13.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Cardiff, said he did not believe that the Liberals need be alarmed at the labour agitation. No party could hope for success unless it won the confidence of the middle class, and that class was an asset which Liberalism brought into work and progress and which could never be transferred to a party constructed on purely labour lines.

The middle classes were not going to be made Socialists in a hurry but they might easily be scared into a reaction.

If the Labour Party could hope to detach the workmen throughout the country into a labour combination, such a party might be all-powerful, but such a combination was impossible.

Mr. Churchill Satisfied.  
Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Glasgow, said that the Government had every reason to be satisfied with the progress of Colonial affairs, especially in South Africa.

Despite efforts to excite antagonism and apprehension in the Colonies against the Motherland for political purposes, the Colonial Conference would dispel any lingering doubt which Tory spite had created.

He was confident the new Transvaal Parliament would cancel the ill-starred Chinese Immigration Ordinance.

The relations between the Ministry and the Labour Party was good, but there was a small section which was recklessly and almost inexplicably hostile.

The Australian Preference Bill from Melbourne would be submitted to Lord Northcote for assent, and it would be for the Imperial Government to say whether or not it accepts the preference shown by it.

## Mr Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a message to the Liberal-Unionist Council at Nottingham. He said: "Let your watchword be the Union of the Party, the Union of the Kingdom, the Union of the Empire."

## The MacDonnell Appointment.

LONDON, Aug. 13.  
Lord Lansdowne, speaking at Nottingham, stated that Mr. Ballou, Mr. Wyndham, and himself were responsible for the appointment of Sir Anthony MacDonnell to be Irish Under Secretary, after satisfying themselves that Sir Anthony had dissociated himself from the Home Rulers.

He had over-estimated his colleagues and had compromised the Unionist Party in that respect.

He denied the existence of documents connecting them with such an intrigue, and added that Sir Anthony MacDonnell was appointed on the understanding that he would eventually return to the India Office.

## A RELIABLE REMEDY.

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THE BRIBERY CASE.

The Defense.

The hearing of the charges of bribery and endeavoring to persuade Chan Chun from giving evidence before the Sanitary Commission, proffered a most Sanitary Inspector Francis Ward, was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., proffered Sir M. W. Wade as a witness. The Government, giving notice of the appointment of the Commission, was put in, and Mr. W. Wade's evidence as given at the trial on the 12th inst. was read.

The Attorney General, I will now call Mr. Francis of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Mr. Wade, I object. This is irregular. This is a criminal case and in all criminal cases the prisoner is entitled to have every thing done in order. The Crown has no right to call a witness without giving notice that it is intended to do so.

The Chief Justice: You may give notice and I will see that it is done.

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other occasions the accused borrowed money from him. I submit that it is not enough to support the indictment. With regard to the first three counts (bribery) they disclose no offence. In one of the cases quoted by my learned friend Queen v. Price, Mr. Justice Stephen lays down a well-known principle of law that nothing is a crime unless plainly forbidden by law. When dealing with the application of well-known principles of law Courts were always very careful not to make crimes which, previous to the decision, had not been held to be crimes: the legislature did that. It was alleged that the accused asked the man's father and asked the man himself to go away from the Colony and not appear as a witness before the Commission, but at that time Chan Chun had not been summoned as a witness.

The Attorney General said that this Commission was of the nature of a Court of Law, something analogous to a Court of Law, and that it is interference with a witness duly summoned to attend at a judicial inquiry. I submit that this Commission, of which the constitution is contained in the proclamation of the Governor in the Government Gazette is not a Court of Law in any sense of the word. It is a private inquiry, held in camera, which has no right to resort to the Government. It has no executive or judicial functions; it simply has to report a private matter to the Government.

The Attorney General continued Mr. Wade, engaged as an alternative that any act done to obstruct the performance by any person of a statutory duty constituted a misdemeanor on the part of the person so obstructed. I submit that this is not a private matter, but a public one, and that it is a misdemeanor by Common Law. If it is a misdemeanor, it is a misdemeanor by Common Law. If it is a misdemeanor, it is a misdemeanor by Common Law.

The Chief Justice: I am of opinion that there is a case for the jury on the first counts of bribery.

Mr. Wade addressed the jury, remarking that he intended to call several witnesses including the accused himself, who under the recently passed law, could go into the box and give evidence on his own behalf. The Attorney General would thus get every opportunity of cross-examining him.

Francis Ward stated that he came to Hongkong in 1901 with the Royal Engineers, in which Corps he was an electrician. In November, 1904, he bought his discharge and joined the police, subsequently, in March 1904, being transferred to the Sanitary Board. He could speak a little Chinese but not sufficient to pass the first examination. He was on a salary of £170 per year, and if he had passed he would have risen to £200 per year.

He denied receiving \$30 from Chan Pui in December, 1904 and declared he did not know him at that time. He also denied receiving the other amounts mentioned. On Christmas Eve last year he was on duty from 7 till 9 a.m. He went home after he left duty and went out again at 9.30, going to attend mass at St. Joseph's, after which he called into St. Patrick's Club with a friend. They remained together until after mid-day. On April 23 he went to Green Island in the early afternoon and remained to dinner with the lighthouse keeper. The reason he remembered the day was because a remark was passed that the following day was St. John's day. As he was always in the office at 9 o'clock in the morning he could not have seen Chan Pui in San Tan Lane on the morning of June 23 to take away some chloride of lime, and Chan Chun went to the Board office, where other inspectors were. The conversation which Chan Chun alleged to have had with witnesses did not take place. Witnesses denied knowing a Chinese by the name of Wong who spoke English, excepting the telephone clerk in the office.

The Attorney General cross-examined witness closely concerning his banking account. In answer to questions witness stated that he paid \$16 per month rent and altogether \$60 to \$70 for living expenses. He bought a gramophone for \$80 two years ago.

The Attorney General: How can you live and buy gramophones on your salary, which averages about \$140 per month? When I left the Royal Engineers I had about \$900, and of this \$25 I went to pay my discharge. While I was in the police I was on the Taipo launch for six months, and saved considerable money. I

was drawing £100 per year as a constable and got \$15 per month food allowance, \$5 from the Harbour Master and extra money for junk houses and painting the numbers on the junks so licensed.

The Attorney General: In May you bought a draft for \$150 paying \$1436 for it; you had then about \$2000 at credit. How do you explain, seeing as much from March, 1904 to June, 1906, with a salary of about \$140 per month? I suggest it is through squeezing. Have you any money left out?

Witness: Yes, about \$500. The Attorney General: At what interest? Witness: Three per cent per month. Frank Blanco, assistant light-house keeper at Green Island, deposed to defendant having visited the Island on June 23. Sanitary Inspector Kelly swore that he was present when Chan Chun visited the lighthouse office. The only conversation that took place was through an interpreter who told defendant to wait and a salary of \$100 would be issued to him. No other conversation took place. Ward understood very little Chinese.

The Chinese clerks employed at the No. 10 district office were called and deposed to Chan Chun having visited the office. No conversation took place between him and Ward except with regard to the fine. The case had not concluded when our report closed.

The case against H. W. Gidley will be heard on Monday next.

RECKAGE IN THE HARBOUR. A Passenger Launch Sunk.

Although the harbour authorities have been hard at work ever since the typhoon of September 18th clearing the harbour of sunken wreckage their task is not yet by any means completed. Indeed so great is the quantity of wreckage strewn about the harbour and the number of sunken junks and other dangers to navigation that it will be some considerable time yet before the harbour is freed of obstructions.

One of these Chinese passenger launches, the "Hoi Fong," was wrecked on the morning of the 23rd inst. and the launch was on one beach of water. The launch was at once hoisted by the nearest point on the Yau-mai shore and was got fairly close in by the time she had sunk. The passengers and crew all escaped safely to the shore with the help of Chinese boat people who came to their assistance and picked them out of the water.

The "Hoi Fong" was a small launch, which ran on to the beach at Kowloon during the great typhoon last month, has been refloated by the Dock Company. The Dock Company's employees have been conducting salvage operations on the sunken launch for upwards of a week, past and having patched up the holes in her sides and bottom set their powerful pumps to work to get the water out of her. This was successfully accomplished on Monday afternoon and the launch took the water again at the high tide that night. She is now lying off the Commercial Dock where she is to be repaired.

The American steamer "Sorsogon," which sank off the Kowloon Docks during the typhoon and still remains under the water is reported to have been sold to the Dock Company.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. A very enjoyable "At Home" was held at Mr. Austin Barracks last night, when an enjoyable time was spent.

His Excellency Sir Claude MacDonald was entertained at Government House at dinner last evening. The Ambassador resumes his voyage to-day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CONDUIT ROAD.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.) Sir,—Might I be permitted through your valuable columns to call the attention of the officials responsible for the condition of Conduit Road, that beautiful promenade which is so frequently used by the residents of Hongkong, to its present state? It may be that the unusually severe typhoon season has upset all calculations as to the maintenance of roads and trimming of waste plants, but it seems to be a thousand pities that the pretty promenade, which was kept tidy in former years should be allowed to run wild and actually become a huge dust heap in places. Some householders seem to have an eye to leaping off the slopes near their houses, but the Government have none, and much of this lovely highway is disgracefully neglected. Yours, A.E.C. Hongkong, Oct. 21.

THE VOLUNTEER CAMP.

A most interesting evening was spent in the Volunteer Camp last night when the Rev. Mr. Hickling took the whole of the Corps present for a trip along the coast of Norway and through portions of Japan, per medium of a magic lantern. The slides were wonderfully clear, notwithstanding the fact that the "light used" was not very strong, and the scenes which were very realistic.

Mr. Hickling kept up a running fire of comment as the pictures were changed, and it was his interesting remarks that made the entertainment so enjoyable. He had something to say about each picture, which, with the exception of perhaps one (a Roman soldier) were taken by himself. The splendid glaciers, dashing waterfalls, lake scenes, villages, churches and the inhabitants of the country were all clear and distinct and were proof sufficient of Mr. Hickling's skill as a photographer.

The lantern was manipulated by Mr. MacPherson of the Y.M.C.A. At the close of the entertainment Major Pritchard returned thanks on behalf of the Corps and the hearty applause which greeted his words showed the sincerity with which the thanks were offered.

THE "PRINZ LUDWIG."

N. D. L.'s New Steamer.

The first new mail steamer "Prinz Ludwig," which is the latest addition to the Norddeutscher Lloyd's fleet of steamers running to the East, was thrown open for public inspection yesterday. The general invitation issued by Messrs. Mulford and Co. was accepted by upwards of 500 people, and Captain F. von Holz and his officers were kept very busy until after 7 o'clock showing visitors over the steamer.

The "Prinz Ludwig" is a splendid specimen of an up-to-date passenger ship, and is handsome and luxurious to a degree. She has six spacious decks and has accommodation for 128 passengers in the first class, 168 in the second, and upwards of 200 in the third class and stowage. An unusual feature are the cabins on the bridge deck, and these are much sought after by passengers. The majority of the cabins are two berthed but are very large and luxuriously fitted.

The first dining saloon is a specially handsome apartment and is constructed with a large dome and well ventilated as to make it one of the coolest places in the ship. The prevailing colours are very light blue and white with panels of silk and some very handsome oil paintings decorating the walls.

German steamers are ever famous for their smoking rooms, and in this respect the "Prinz Ludwig" has even surpassed the vessels constructed before her. The smoking saloon fills every ideal for a comfortable retreat in which to enjoy a cigar, and is plainly, but expensively, decorated and fitted. The walls are panelled with inlaid and carved wood of a dark colour which gives a splendid effect. The ventilation is perfect. There is also a very handsome music saloon, a ladies' room and a gymnasium where all sorts of exercise from a camel ride to an electric massage can be enjoyed.

The second class passengers are almost as well housed as the first. The saloons are a little less elaborate perhaps but no less comfortable. Visitors were entertained on board with dainty refreshments laid out on the spacious promenade deck, and success to the "Prinz Ludwig" was drunk in an unlimited quantity of excellent German beer.

The "Prinz Ludwig" was launched on May 12th last at the Vulkan shipyard, Stettin. Her principal dimensions are:—Length, 509 ft.; breadth, 57 ft.; depth, 38 ft.; and registered tonnage, 9,630. Her machinery consists of two quadruple and four-crank engines, with Schlick's patent balance, and with cylinders 630 mm., 930 mm., 1310 mm., and 1,900 mm. in diameter by 1,400 mm. stroke giving a speed of 16 knots per hour.

SHANGHAI IN PARAGRAPHS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Oct. 21. Yuh kah-der is no more, and the attachment of some of his followers, mercifully hastened his end. It was rumoured that a plot was on foot to set the famous free-booter at liberty, so with alacrity he was hurried back to Soochow and executed with all the paraphernalia of state so dear to the heart of the Chinese. On a parade ground lined with foreign-dressed native troops and before all the gorgeously apparelled native officials, he met his death as with one sweep of the blade his head was cut off. Before this he made an effort to commit suicide by swallowing a large gold ring but he was prevented from freeing himself from his misery, because it was misery and it was not until he had pleaded guilty, under the pressure of torture, to some of the charges brought against him, that the iron which were eating into his flesh were relaxed. As for his many followers it is little likely they will indulge in many more desperate deeds. Their leader was a leader in every sense and with him gone they will not have the courage for risky undertakings, besides, with the opening up of the railway it will now be impossible to pillage and elude justice as in the early days of Yuh kah-der's notorious career.

Until this year the autumn regatta of the Rowing Club has been a little talked-of affair and scarcely a soul beyond members have troubled to take the journey to Quinsan Reach where the events are decided. But the Shanghai-Nanking Railway has altered all that and this year witnessed a veritable exodus from the Settlement. "Look, a real English ticket collector," said one excited lady, and on all sides came the expression "it seems like home." So, it did; and the illusion was much more complete on the return. The Chinese had disappeared into their hotels and the train romped through pretty country scenery, first as your hand it is, true, but there were many dainty nooks and ponds well worthy the brush of an artist. The railway officials must be congratulated for the smoothness of the arrangements they made to carry visitors to the scene, and once there it was a glorious sight to see the really beautiful stretch of water lined each side with innumerable houseboats, gaily decorated with many coloured flags. There was one feature which did very much to mix proceedings and that was the amused curiosity of the natives. Pleasure for foreign pedestrians was an impossibility because they were cheek by jowl with the dirtiest specimens of unwashed humanity it is possible to imagine, but the Committee have noted the trouble and doubtless next year, when they have had more opportunity of judging how readily Shanghai folk will be deceived to keep back the Chinese crowd. Then, there will be a perfect little pleasure resort and perhaps more than this one week-end during the year will be spent there. Those who were unable to devote the whole week-end were quite easily able to spend an afternoon or a day and return in good time for dinner. The weather was glorious and the clearness of the blue sky was unclouded by so much as a cloudlet. It sounds immensely successful, doesn't it? and so it was from the social point of view, but lovers of the car must have suffered a severe shock on the first day because after all there were no roads! The boats did not arrive and so the day was given up to socialities. There is little enough to tell about the Regatta itself except to remark on the splendid achievements of the English crews, carrying off, as they did, the International Eight and Four. The victory with the motor boats went to the French, both the first and second being owned by Frenchmen, but friend and foe drank harmoniously together at night when the fireworks were going off and the broad bridge spanning the Reach was gaily decorated with paper lanterns, and they swore that next year they would have an even finer time if that were possible.

Shanghai ladies are on the qui vive. Poor souls, it is only natural they should love to dress well in this gay little place, but they look at the dresses shown in the few stores down the Nanking Road, wonder how much they would cost to buy and then give it up at the wonder why, because they hear such fearsome and unhappily true tales of the preposterous charges for shoddy goods. In the midst of darkness come light, and Miss Watkins' advent has been welcomed in a manner that must be quite flattering to the lady herself. You will know of her in Hongkong because she was partner with Miss Fairall, and so, of course, she has the necessary knowledge to make her undertaking the success it promises to be. Miss Watkins announces that although she will show many very beautiful costumes, she will also cater for those ladies who may desire dresses planned on a less expensive scale, and in so doing the enterprising lady has hit the right nail on the head. If she keeps to her intention, she will be a boon to the lady who at present sends home to London for her wearing apparel, chancing the risk, rather than pay the exorbitant prices demanded in Shanghai or suffer the ungodly wickedness of the native tailors. Miss Watkins has been wise enough to secure premises in the Nanking Road, in the very heart of the shopping world, and she will be conveniently situated for the modest journeyers in the Town as well as the wealthier doyens of Bubbling Well Road, and so all success to her and this venture which is so much needed out here.

Yet another startling affair has made the name of Hongkong more than it has been in its slumby past. Hitherto the Japanese have often been the aggressors but this time entirely well conducted and respectable Japanese hotel keepers have been cruelly done to death by five German sailors. That white men should become so

brutalised has cast a very sad gloom over naval circles here. At the same time, if one can excuse manslaughter or murder, excuses should be given in such instances as these, because a sailor on leave is a notoriously happy-go-lucky animal and he does not trouble about the quality of the liquor supplied to him as long as it is wet. It is well known the vile spirits served in this quarter and sold under the name of whisky and gin consist of wood alcohol and is known by the name of Hongkong poison. Under its influence, compulsively sober men become degraded brutes unable to discriminate between murderous crime and a lively scrap with fists. The five sailors now in detention entered a Japanese restaurant, refused to pay for their food and drink, and finally attacked the proprietor and servants with the knives on the table, inflicting terrible injuries. Two of the Japanese have died as a result of their wounds. As for the men they remain in custody on their ship H. M. S. "Illa," and the probability is that they will be sent to Singtan for trial.

The Police authorities have done the right thing for once. They have increased the wages of the native police owing to the high price of rice and we do sincerely hope this means they will favourably regard the petition of the Sikhs who certainly have a right on their side. They have been given to understand the increase is purely of a temporary character and must not be considered a fixed salary. When the price of rice is once more normal the additional money will be dispensed with but it will be an enormous relief to the men at the present time. \$1.50 extra will be allotted to those whose pay is \$15 or less and \$1 to those whose pay is above \$15 and less than \$20, and this will mean about \$12,000 a month above the ordinary wages.

Our poor Volunteer firemen had a hard day's work on Wednesday and they had scant relaxation from their little-thanked labours. Fortunately, there is no loss of life to record but the fire which broke out in the new premises of the Telegraph Companies now in course of erection on the Island might have been of very serious consequence. As it is, the fire was confined to the roof which was entirely destroyed, the two completed domes which had been covered with copper sheeting have disappeared and the brick and stone work of the upper storey is so badly cracked it will have to be rebuilt. The Deluge Company were quick on the scene but the miserable supply of water when they started work crippled them and the red hot copper sheets dripping from the top made it particularly dangerous work, but, as usual, these gallant men completely lost sight of personal danger, fought the flames at close quarters and ultimately conquered them. The damage is amply covered by Insurance, the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, and also in a Danish Company in Copenhagen. It is believed the fire originated owing to a blacksmith leaving his charcoal burner, on a shelf near the ceiling and the wind catching the flames soon started a blaze. The fire was hardly extinguished before another outbreak occurred on board the Mo-Bain Steamer "Sual," but, fortunately, the tugs "Samson" and "Victoria" were so promptly on the scene, followed up by the Municipal fire-boat, that it never had a chance of getting out of hand and little damage was done. Those blessed Chinese! Calmly throwing a lighted cigarette down on a heap of rubbish; a casual native holds himself quite blameless for a fire which might have been attended with great loss of life as the boat was crowded with active passengers.

NORTH RIVER ROBBERS. A Daring Escapade. (From Our Correspondent.) YING-TAI (North River) Oct. 16. On the 13th inst., a few miles below this city, a band of 68 robbers made a raid on a market. The merchants had gathered there to buy peanuts, and while very busy about noon, these robbers came, killed one soldier and one of the merchants, got some twelve hundred dollars in cash, and left the ground with a handsome booty, while the crowd looked on with consternation. None of the robbers have been caught, yet the official here decided that he had better make an impression on the bands of robbers that have been frequenting this section here of late so he killed ten of the banditti which he had in prison the day after this bold theft occurred.

The Rev. Mr. Bone and family of Hongkong are making a tour up this river. The Rev. Mr. Bone and son, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Robinson, from Shin Kwan, have gone into the interior from here, where he will visit some of the work done by the Wesleyan Mission, while Mr. Bone and daughter remain at this place.

BY WHARF AND WAVE. The Tokyo authorities have now sanctioned the proposal of a Japanese syndicate for the construction of dry docks at Moji. According to the Nipponki Press, an extensive area of land will be reclaimed at Okubo, Moji, and two docks built thereon, work being commenced in December. The undertaking is expected to be completed by the end of 1908 and the cost is estimated at five million yen.

We have been informed that the attempts to refloat the Hongkong-Macao steamer "Houngshan" have been, so far successful, inasmuch as she is now actually afloat, but the rocks on either side of the steamer prevent her from getting off. It is expected, however, that at the next high tide, which is about 3rd November, she will be successfully refloated. This is pleasant news, and let us hope it will not be long before this fine and popular steamer is once more running to the "Gem of the Orient Earth."

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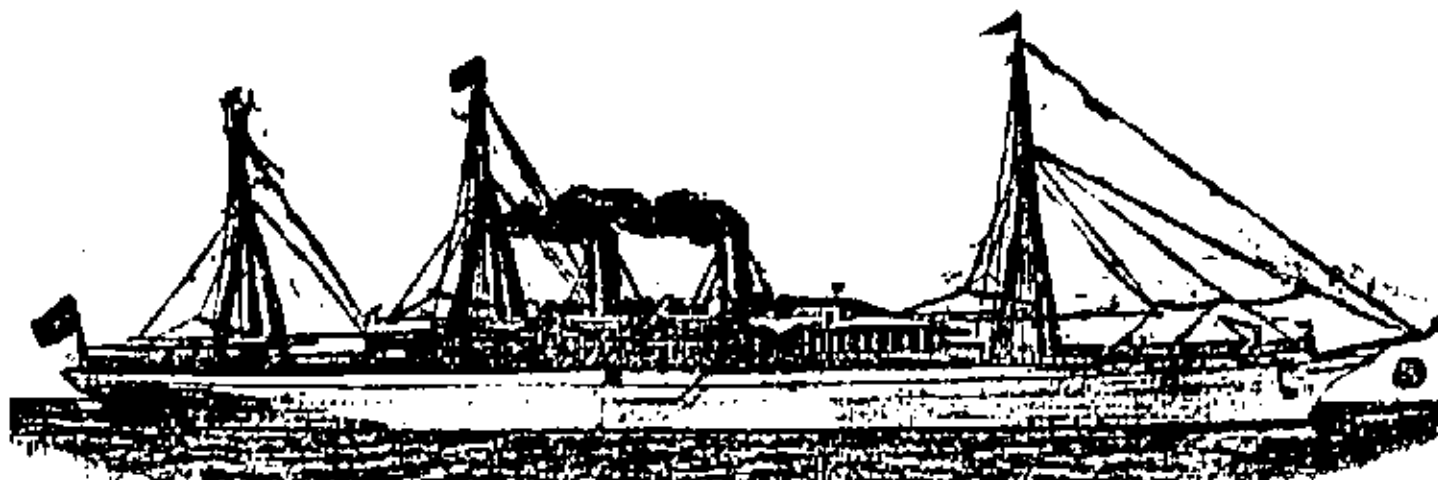
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YOKOHAMA & MANILA	About 3rd November	Freight and Passage.

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STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
EMERALD OF CHINA	6000 Tons	Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1906
EMERALD OF INDIA	6000 Tons	Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1906
EMERALD OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	Thursday, Dec. 20, 1906
EMERALD OF AUSTRALIA	6000 Tons	Friday, Jan. 19, 1907

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	AWA MARU	Wednesday, 31st Oct., at Daylight.	
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, WASH., Via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	KAGA MARU	Tuesday, 13th Nov., at 4 p.m.	
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE.	TOSU MARU	Tuesday, 23rd Nov., at 4 p.m.	
BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	YAWATA MARU	Friday, 2nd Nov., at Noon.	
NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	NIKKO MARU	Friday, 30th Nov., at Noon.	
ROBE AND YOKOHAMA.	KAMAKURA MARU	Saturday, 3rd Nov., at Daylight.	

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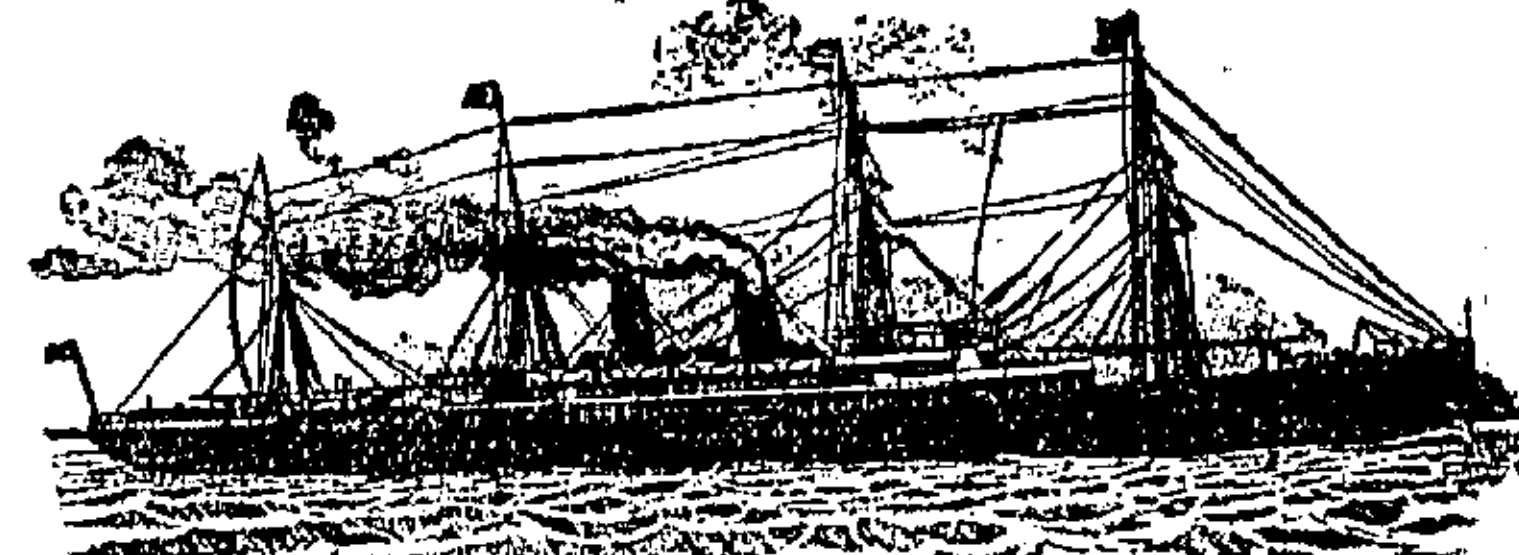
Sailing Dates Subject to Change.  
MINNESOTA, Captain J. H. Rinder, On MONDAY, 3rd Dec., at Noon.  
DAKOTA, Captain E. F. French, On FRIDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1907.

Direct connections at Seattle with Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways for all points in the United States and Canada; also with Atlantic Steamship Lines for all points in Great Britain and on the Continent. Direct connection at Hong Kong for Manila, Straits Settlements, Java, India, London and Paris.  
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
SIBERIA	18,000 Tons	Tuesday, 30th Oct., at Noon.	
CHINA	10,000 Tons	Tuesday, 13th Nov., at Noon.	
MONGOLIA	27,000 Tons	Tuesday, 26th Nov., at Noon.	
NIKKO MARU	11,000 Tons	Friday, 30th Nov., at Noon.	
DORIC	9,500 Tons	Friday, 30th Nov., at Noon.	
COPTIC	9,500 Tons	Friday, 30th Nov., at Noon.	
HONGKONG MARU	11,000 Tons	Friday, 30th Nov., at Noon.	
KOREA	16,000 Tons	Friday, 30th Nov., at Noon.	
AMERICA MARU	11,000 Tons	Friday, 30th Nov., at Noon.	

RECORD FAST TRIPS.  
Yokohama to San Francisco, S.S. KOREA, 18,000 tons, September 18-27th 1905; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.  
San Francisco to Honolulu, S.S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, August 16th 20th, 1905; 4 days, 19 hours.  
San Francisco to Yokohama, S.S. SIBERIA, calling at Midway Island and Honolulu en route, August 16th-21st, 1905, 13 days, 13 hours.  
Yokohama to San Francisco, S.S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, September 18-27th 1905; 10 days, 10 hours and 59 minutes.

THE P. M. Steamship SIBERIA will be despatched from Hongkong to SAN FRANCISCO, via AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (INLAND SEA), KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 30th October, 1906, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.  
SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.  
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Ports of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and other ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.  
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